

3.4 Operations with Radicals

Radicals are expression with square roots.

The square root of any number that is not a perfect square is said to be 'irrational'
(cannot be expressed as a fraction)

e.g. $\sqrt{2}$ is a radical that is irrational
($\sqrt{2} \approx 1.4142\dots$)

$\sqrt{25}$ is a radical that is rational because 25 is a perfect square.

$$(\sqrt{25} = 5)$$

Mixed radicals are radicals with a coefficient

e.g. $5\sqrt{3}$ is a mixed radical

Simplifying Radicals (or entire radicals) to Mixed Radicals

e.g. 1 $\sqrt{75}$

$$= \sqrt{25 \times 3}$$

$$= \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{3}$$

Property

$$\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$$

($a \geq 0, b \geq 0$)

Factor out the greatest perfect square factor

e.g. 2. $\sqrt{98}$

$$= \sqrt{(49)(2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{49} \times \sqrt{2}$$

$$= 7\sqrt{2}$$

Adding and Subtracting Radicals

e.g. 1 $11\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{5}$

$$= \underline{\underline{14\sqrt{5}}}$$

e.g. 2 $13\sqrt{2} - 5\sqrt{2}$

$$= \underline{\underline{8\sqrt{2}}}$$

e.g. 3 $\sqrt{12} + 2\sqrt{27}$

$$= \sqrt{(4)(3)} + 2\sqrt{(3)(9)}$$

$$= \sqrt{4}\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{9}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3}(3)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{3} + 6\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{8\sqrt{3}}}$$

Multiplying and Dividing Radicals

e.g. 1 $(9\sqrt{2})(4\sqrt{7})$

$$= \underline{\underline{36\sqrt{14}}}$$

Property

$$c\sqrt{a} \times d\sqrt{b} = cd\sqrt{ab}$$

($a \geq 0, b \geq 0$)

e.g. 2 $(2\sqrt{3})(5\sqrt{6})$

$$= 10\sqrt{18}$$

$$= 10\sqrt{(9)(2)}$$

$$= 10\sqrt{9}\sqrt{2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{30\sqrt{2}}}$$

e.g. 3 $3\sqrt{2}(5 + 2\sqrt{6})$

$$= 15\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{12}$$

$$= 15\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{(4)(3)}$$

$$= 15\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{4}\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 15\sqrt{2} + 12\sqrt{3}$$

fully simplified
('unlike terms')

eg.4 $(\sqrt{5} + 4)(2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})$

$$= 2\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{10} + 8\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{2}$$

← fully simplified

eg.5 $(\sqrt{6} + 3\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{6} - 3\sqrt{2})$

$$= \cancel{\sqrt{36}} - \cancel{3\sqrt{12}} + \cancel{3\sqrt{12}} - \cancel{9\sqrt{4}}$$

$$= 6 - 9(2)$$

$$= 6 - 18$$

$$= \underline{-12}$$

Homework
read p164-167, complete
p167 #1-7, 12

Quiz Wednesday, March
30th

Unit 2 Test

① b) $4a^2b^2 \div -2a^2b^3$

$$= \frac{-2a^2b^2}{-2a^2b^3}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-\frac{2}{b}}}$$

p153 #5, 7, 11(c)

⑤ a) i) $p(x) = -x + 5$

$$R(x) = x[p(x)]$$

$$= x(-x + 5)$$

$$\therefore R(x) = -x^2 + 5x$$

ii) $R(x) = -(x^2 - 5x)$

$$= -\left(x^2 - 5x + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2\right)$$

$$= -\left[\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2\right]$$

$$= -\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore R(x) = -\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{25}{4} \quad \text{Max revenue is } \$6250$$

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⑦ c) i) $P(x) = R(x) - C(x)$

$$= (-3x^2 + 26x) - (8x + 18)$$

$$= -3x^2 + 26x - 8x - 18$$

$$\therefore P(x) = -3x^2 + 18x - 18$$

ii) $P(x) = -3(x^2 - 6x) - 18$

$$= -3(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9) - 18$$

$$= -3[(x-3)^2 - 9] - 18$$

$$= -3(x-3)^2 + 27 - 18$$

$$P(x) = -3(x-3)^2 + 9$$

max profit occurs when $x=3$

ii) c) $P(x) = -5x^2 + 400x - 2550$

solve for x when $P(x) = 4000$

$$\begin{aligned} \$4000000 &\div 1000 \\ P(x) &= -5(x^2 - 80x) - 2550 \\ &= -5(x^2 - 80x + 1600 - 1600) - 2550 \\ &= -5[(x-40)^2 - 1600] - 2550 \\ &= -5(x-40)^2 + 8000 - 2550 \\ P(x) &= -5(x-40)^2 + 5450 \end{aligned}$$

let $P(x) = 4000 \rightarrow 4000 = -5(x-40)^2 + 5450$

$$4000 - 5450 = -5(x-40)^2$$

$$-1450 = -5(x-40)^2$$

$$290 = (x-40)^2$$

$$\pm\sqrt{290} = x - 40$$

$$x = 40 + \sqrt{290}, x = 40 - \sqrt{290}$$

$$\therefore x = 57.029, 22.971$$

Profit of \$4000000 occurs between
\$22.971 and \$57.029

